GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PUMPING OF ARMS/AMMUNITION FROM KERALA COAST
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Coast has been combed after intelligence reports that underworld don Dawood Ibrahim had sent a shipload of arms to the extremists groups working in India; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the joint combing operation by Navy, Coast Guard, Custom and Revenue intelligence agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) On the basis of information received, on likely landing of RDX/arms off Kasargod in Karnataka by a country craft which left Dubai on 14th December, 2002, intensive sea/shore patrolling was conducted. All the units at sea were alerted and regular surface and air surveillance was maintained on the Western seaboard.

(b) No suspicious movement/vessel has been sighted.